(b) if so, the details thereof and action Government has taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to stop such malpractices in such educational councils?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Complaints alleging corruption have been received against officials of AICTE. Some cases have been referred to CBI which has registered various cases against officials of AICTE including its then Chairman and Member Secretary. In other cases AICTE has been asked to submit a report.

(c) The Government has taken the following steps to enhance transparency in the working of the Council:-

(i) Steps have been taken to introduce e-governance system in the AICTE.

(ii) The approval process handbook is being modified to remove the inconsistencies and the scope for different interpretations.

(iii) The Appellate Committees have been strengthened with people of the level of Vice-Chancellors (current and former).

Raising of marks for appearing in IIT- JEE

2522. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present minimum limit of 60 per cent marks for entrance examination (IIT-JEE) is proposed to be raised so that students' focus of study becomes achieving higher percentage of marks in 12th class rather than concentrating on studies received from coaching centres imparting specialized tuitions for appearing in such an examination;

(b) if so, whether broad spectrum of views from varied faculty members of such IITs have been considered for this proposed raising of higher percentage in 12th class; and

(c) whether this will not come in conflict with introducing scheme of awarding 'grades' than 'marks'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Joint Admission Board (JAB), which consists of representatives from all the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad and Institute of Technology - Banaras Hindu University (IT-BHU) as well as a representative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, makes recommendations in respect of matters relating to the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). A Review Committee has been set up by the JAB to give its recommendations regarding factoring in of class Xli results on a percentile basis while deciding admissions into IITs. Integrating class XII results with JEE results would help reduce the dependence on coaching centres.

(c) As the scheme of awarding 'grades' is presently proposed to be introduced in class X only, the question of its coming into conflict with the scheme of cut-off marks in class XII for the purpose of admissions into IITs, does not arise.

New evaluation criteria for Class X

2523. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has notified the new evaluation criteria for Class X;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that given skewed teacher and student ratio for private and Government schools in remote and smaller towns it would be difficult to conduct sustained continuous evaluation; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to overcome the constrained teacher-student ratio to ensure success of the new system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has strengthened the Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation System for Class IX from the academic session 2009-10. It has also decided to introduce grading system from the class X Board examination, 2010.

(c) and (d) CBSE Affiliation Bye-Laws, prescribes 1.5 teacher per section to teach various subjects in its affiliated schools. CBSE has arranged for training of Principals and teachers of its affiliated schools from October, 2009 in the methods of continuous and comprehensive evaluation.

National board of sanskrit secondary education

2524. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a committee to discuss the matter of establishing National Board of Sanskrit Secondary Education (NBSSE);

(b) if so, who were the members, how many meetings took place, the outcome and the recommendations, thereof;

(c) whether Government has acted upon the recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and